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Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2]

Recalling also its decision 2001/320 of 24 October 2001, in which it decided to establish, under the regular agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits", a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling further its resolution 2003/17 of 22 July 2003 and its decision 2003/287 of 24 July 2003, as well as the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2004 on the theme "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 59/244, in which the Assembly decided to hold the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action in 2006 within the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the Programme of Action, and paragraph 6 of the same resolution,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

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in which the General Assembly decided to consider at its sixtieth session the modalities for conducting such a comprehensive review,

1. *Takes note* of the annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[3]

2. *Expresses* its deep concern over the weak implementation of the Programme of Action;

3. *Urges* the least developed countries and their bilateral and multilateral development partners to undertake increased efforts and to adopt speedy measures with a view to creating an overall enabling environment for the implementation of the Programme of Action and to meeting its goals and targets in a timely manner;

4. *Urges* the least developed countries that have not yet done so to develop, adopt and implement national development strategies to achieve the goals and targets of the Programme of Action;

5. *Requests* the development partners to assist the least developed countries in the development and implementation of their national development strategies based on the goals and targets of the Programme of Action;

6. *Calls* upon developed countries that have not yet done so to expeditiously fulfil their commitment of 0.15-0.20 per cent of their gross national income as an official development assistance target to the least developed countries and urges all development partners to align their support with the national development strategies of the least developed countries aimed at achieving the goals and targets as contained in the Programme of Action;

7. *Requests* development partners, including the United Nations system, to provide assistance to national statistical bodies of the least developed countries in order to strengthen monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Programme of Action;

8. *Calls on* the least developed countries, in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2006 by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, to undertake their national reviews on the implementation of the Programme of Action, with a particular focus on progress, obstacles, constraints, actions and measures necessary to further the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. *Requests* United Nations resident coordinators to assist the least developed countries in undertaking their national reviews, in preparation for the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the Assembly at its sixty-first session;

10. *Requests* the regional commissions to assist the least developed countries in undertaking regional reviews of the implementation of the Programme of Action in their respective regions, in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2006 by the Assembly at its sixty-first session;

11. *Encourages* the United Nations system and other international organizations to undertake, in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2006 by

[3] A/60/81-E/2005/68.

the Assembly at its sixty-first session, sectoral reviews of the implementation of the Programme of Action by their governing bodies;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include least developed countries issues in all relevant reports in the economic, social and related fields, particularly those that analyse global development trends, such as the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* to ensure the follow-up of their development in a broader context;

13. *Reiterates* the critical importance of the participation of Government representatives from the least developed countries in the annual review of the Programme of Action by the Economic and Social Council, underlines in that regard the low representation so far of least developed countries delegations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure predictable funds for the travel and daily subsistence allowance of two representatives from each least developed country to attend the annual review of the Programme of Action;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of coordinating action within the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action, and calls on the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Office of the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States with adequate resources for indicator-based and results-oriented reporting;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a results-oriented annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action in a more analytical and results-oriented way, by placing greater emphasis on the progress achieved by the least developed countries and their development partners.